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1. Chinese Communist troop disposition in south Yunnan is as follows:
 - a. Elements of the 13 Army are in K'aiyuan (103-24, 23-42).
 - b. The headquarters of the 38 Division is in Mengtzu (103-23, 23-20) with units at Chienshui (102-50, 22-38) and Shihp'ing (102-28, 23-42).
 - c. The 39 Division is in Ningerh, with units in Yuanchiang (101-59, 23-39), Meichiang (100- , 20), Ssumao (101-04, 22-47), and Lochung.
 - d. The 109 Division* is in Fohai (100-26, 21-58) with units in the southern districts, including a regiment in the Lantsang (98-41, 28-32)-Niwa (99-71, 22-36) area. Two thousand men of the 109 Division have been ordered to Indochina.
2. Two Communist soldiers captured at Napan by Nationalist guerrillas state that Chinese Communist assistance to Burma in the Mengmao (97-52, 24-02) area is four times that given a similar area in China. They report that 1,200 troops have been sent to the Ho Chi Minh Government.
3. Nationalist forces are stationed north of Mengmao and south of Tsong G'uen (sic). Regrouped Nationalist forces now total 14,000, not including 4,000 operating in the Lanchang** area. Food is the pressing problem, with 450,000 catties of rice required monthly.***
4. On 13 May the Nationalist 93 Division was 80 kilometers north of Kengtung en route to Lantsang.
5. On 10 April 30,000 guerrillas in the Yunnan-Kweichow-Kwangsi border area killed 7,000 and captured 1,500 Communists, and captured 2,700 rifles, 14 mortars, 71 machine-guns, and 58 Sten guns.
6. The Mitu-Ch'eli (100-50, 21-50) highway passing through Kengtung, Komong, Loshun, and Linchiang (100-22, 21-42), was ordered completed by the end of 1951, with an extension to Fohai. The Fohai-Kunming highway will be completed by the end of 1951.

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* ~~SECRET~~ Comment. This is presumably a provisional division.

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Nationalist guerrilla units on the Yunnan-Burma border as of mid-May
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